

Finance Committee
May 3, 2021
6:00 p.m. - City Hall Council Chambers

Chairman Ptak called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Alderman Ptak, Alderman Demes, Alderman Lavieri, Alderman Jeppson

Excused Absence: Alderman Herndon

Others Present: Alderman Reynolds, Alderman Bacidore, Alderman Crane, Deputy Clerk Brent Bader, Finance Director John Duncan, Attorney Jim McPhedran

A quorum was present.

The minutes of the Finance Committee held on April 19, 2021 were unanimously approved by the Committee by voice vote after a motion from Alderman Lavieri and a second by Alderman Jeppson. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Alderman Demes questioned a charge on page 3 of the Paid Invoices for \$2,075 under the Library fund. Alderman Jeppson explained that this was the final payment for the last three months for the maintenance contract with ENTEC. With the new HVAC system being installed at the library, the maintenance contract will no longer be necessary.

Alderman Jeppson questioned a charge for \$5,190 to Doty & Sons under the Street Department. Finance Director Duncan stated that this was for 10 concrete planters used in the downtown area.

In regard to the monetary donation request from NCAT, Deputy City Clerk Brent Bader reported that in their Fiscal Year 2020, 5,062 NCAT rides originated in La Salle with 10% of their total rides being from La Salle.

Alderman Demes said it is his understanding that the service is pretty well funded by the federal and state governments. It was noted that funding is a matching grant and 65% of their funding comes from the State grants and roughly 13% of their funding comes from the Federal government. The remainder comes from local match sources.

Finance Director Duncan reported that in 2018, the City donated \$5,000 to NCAT. Mr. Duncan checked with Peru to see if they planned on making a donation. Their Finance Director reported that the last time Peru donated was also in 2017 or 2018 and at that time they donated \$5,000. Their Finance Director stated that he would check with the City Clerk but did not think a request had made it to their agenda recently.

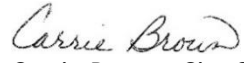
Brief discussion followed. Alderman Ptak said he thinks the council should give some type of donation as it seems the committee concurs that it is a good service for our residents. Alderman Lavieri said that since this is a new fiscal year if the council chooses to donate it can be appropriated for. Alderman Ptak then suggested a donation of \$2,500. A poll of the committee members was taken and all were in favor of recommending to the council that a \$2,500 donation be made to NCAT.

The committee unanimously approved switching RIP Grant funds approved at the last council meeting from 829 First Street to the eastern parcel of 845 First Street. Both parcels are owned by Hernan Luna and this switch was more of a housekeeping issue.

Economic Development Director Leah Inman gave a brief update on the new Gov Pilot software. She stated that two of the ten modules are fully up and running. The Report a Concern module has already generated 43 reports. This module allows photos of property/building department related concerns to attach photos with a time stamp. The work order module is also up and running and Beth Ketter has already utilized the software for 16 work orders. Mrs. Inman told the aldermen she would start training them on the Report and Concern module in the next couple of weeks. She indicated that the software is working well and letters have already been sent out in response to reported concerns.

There were no further questions or comments from the public.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carrie Brown".

Carrie Brown, City Clerk